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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO DEMARCHES ON U.S. POSITIONS AT

UPCOMING ICAO ASSEMBLY

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11. (C) Econoffs delivered the referenced demarches to Deputy Director for Civil Aviation Hassan Shamsin on June 27, 2007. Shamsin seemed to understand USG concerns regarding aviation safety issues and the European Commission's proposed legislation to extend the EU's Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) to civil aviation. He stressed support for the need to cooperate on international aviation safety oversight and indicated that he would discuss the demarches with the Director of Civil Aviation. Shamsin inquired if Syria would be invited to attend the September ICAO Assembly in Montreal and specifically requested a written invitation. CORBIN